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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: BRITISH POSITION ON UNFICYP REDUCTION
AND DECONFRONTATION/RESTRAINT

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1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE ENCOURAGED BRITISH TO COMPLY WITH UN REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION TO TURKEY ON DECONFRONTATION IN CYPRUS. FCO OFFICIAL WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE POSITIVE THAN BEFORE, PERHAPS SINCE (HE TOLD US) BRITISH IN ANKARA HAVE NOT REACTED NEGATIVELY. FCO ALSO INFORMED US OF NEW BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP VALUED AT \$100,000, DETAILED POSSIBLE BRITISH TROOP CUTS, AND SOUNDED POSITIVE ON ENTIRE UNFICYP CUT PROPOSAL, REJECTING CONDITIONAL LINKAGE WITH DECONFRONTATION/RESTRAINT. END SUMMARY.
2. WE HAD GOOD MEETING WITH FCO SOUTH EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT HEAD GOODISON SEPTEMBER 26. HE WAS CONSIDER-
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ABLY MORE DISPOSED TO GO ALONG WITH US ON REPRESN

TATION TO TURKS RE DECONFRONTATION THAN WAS DESK OFFICER FEW DAYS BEFORE. ONE REASON MAY HAVE BEEN THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA DID NOT REACT NEGATIVELY BUT TOOK IDEA UNDER ADVISEMENT. HE WOULD BE REPLYING TO FCO MORE FULLY LATER.

3. GOODISON TOLD US HE HAD USED (ON ANKARA) ONE OF ARGUMENTS WE WERE PUTTING TO HIM, NAMELY THAT HMG OFTEN ASKS UN SECRETARIAT TO DO THINGS IN CYPRUS AND IT WOULD BE GOOD IF HMG COULD RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN SECRETARIAT ASKS FOR SOMETHING IN RETURN. TO THIS ARGUMENT HE WOULD NOW ADD, GOODISON TOLD US, THE EQUALLY STRONG ONE THAT USG HAS ENCOURAGED HMG TO MAKE REPRESENTATION. HE ALSO NOTED SOME OTHER ARGUMENTS WE PROVIDED, ON BASIS VARIOUS CABLES AND BOYATTLAMBRAKIS TELCON SEPTEMBER 24.

4. EXPANDING ON UNFICTP REDUCTION, GOODISON TOLD US HMG HAS NOT REPLIED TO WHAT AMOUNTS TO UN NOTIFICATION (OTHER THAN CONSULTATION) ON PHASE I CUTS, SINCE BRITISH CONTINGENT WILL BE CUT ANYWAY AND MATTER NEED NOT BE PUT TO MINISTERS IN ADVANCE OF PHASE II PROPOSALS. GOODISON NOTED, INTER ALIA, THAT CUT OF SOME 145 MEN IN BRITISH CONTINGENT RESULTED FROM (IRISH BACKGROUND) ARMORED BATTALION'S ASSIGNMENT TO CYPRUS WITHOUT ITS ARMOR. THEREFORE CUT WAS NOT INTENDED AS PERMANENT ONE. GOODISON NEVERTHELESS REFUSED TO SAY CUT COULD NOT BECOME PERMANENT DESPITE OUR REPEATED QUESTIONING, THUS CONVEYING CLEAR IMPLICATION IT WOULD BE SO VIEWED, PROVIDED, AS HE SAID, ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS RAISED BY CONTINGENT OF LESS THAN BATTALION SIZE COULD BE OVERCOME.

5. HERE GOODISON MADE LINKAGE TO PHASE II PROPOSALS, SUGGESTING THAT (IF UN PROPOSALS TURNED OUT TO BE AS EXPECTED) BRITISH MIGHT ADDITIONALLY CUT 130-MAN RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON. TOTAL BRITISH CUTS AS RESULT OF PHASES I AND II WOULD THEN APPROXIMATE 25 PERCENT OF THOUSANDODD PRESENT CONTINGENT.

6. GOODISON ALSO INFORMED US OF "NEW" BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP IN FORM OF MEDICAL TREATMENT AT BRITISH SBA HOSPITALS FOR UNFICYP PATIENTS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN TREATED BY AUSTRIAN FIELD HOSPITAL
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WHICH IS BEING CLOSED. HE SAID VALUE IS PLACED AT 40,000 POUNDS STERLING (\$100,000) AND COMES OUT OF FOREIGN OFFICE FUNDS FOR UN RATHER THAN OUT OF BRITISH MOD BUDGET. UKUN HAS RECENTLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM UN SECRETARIAT OF THIS NEW BRITISH CONTRIBUTION.

7. FINALLY, GOODISON SAID HE AGREES WITH US VIEW THAT PHASE I AND II CUTS SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO DECONFRONTATION/RESTRAINT' HE TOLD US WE COULD ASSUME A

POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION BY HIS OFFICE TO MINISTERS
ONCE UN PROPOSAL FOR PHASE II HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

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